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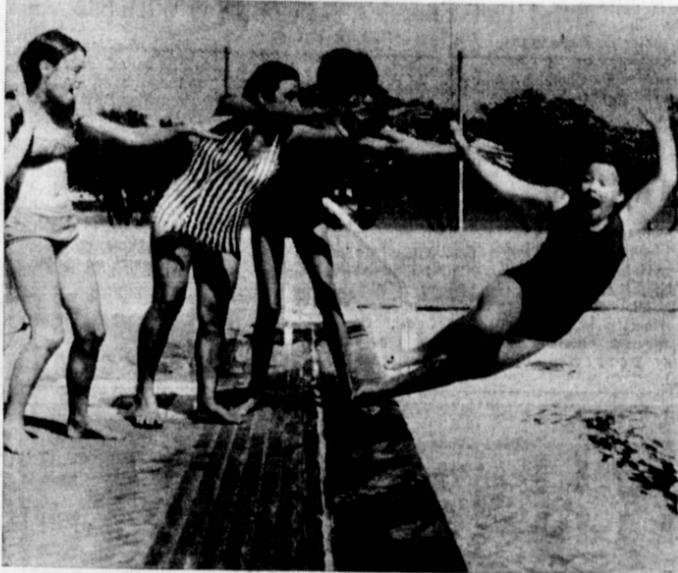
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IN THE WATER . . . Holly Beabody, 13, falls toward the water after being pushed by a group of ducklings in this scene from the city's annual Aquacade. Miss Peabody portrays the Ugly Duckling in one of the sketches, based on Hans Christian Andersen's stories. Pushing Miss Peabody into the pool are (from left) Mary Funk, 21; Paula Boyd, 14; and Elaine Coons, 13. The Aquacade is scheduled Aug. 9 and 10 at the city plunge. (Press-Herald Photo)

Regional Park Plans Win Council Approval

City to Seek Federal Funds For New Site

By NATALIE HALL
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City councilmen voted 4-3 last night to seek federal and state funds for a 52-acre regional park in North Torrance, in spite of vocal opposition to the project.

Objections stemmed from the tremendous cost of purchasing and developing the park site as well as possible loss of local control through the acceptance of state and national financing.

Supporting the measure were Councilmen Jay Beasley, Ken Miller, Ross Sciarrotta, and Dr. Donald E. Wilson. Moments before the final decision, councilmen voted 4-3 against placing the fund issue on the November ballot, with Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen William J. Uerkwitz and Orin Johnson supporting the ballot proposal.

has the resources to purchase all 52 acres and that there is no need to hide behind the cost problem.

COSTLY development of the land can be postponed three to four years or more, if necessary, Beasley added.

Citizens speaking in opposition to federal funding of the park project pointed out that the city would have to join the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in order to qualify for such funds. SCAG is a league of municipalities banded together to solve common problems.

Ms. Jeannette Altermatt stated that SCAG was run by highly paid appointees (See PARK, Page A-2)

THE 52-ACRE site, to be known as Columbia Park, is located at the corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 190th Street, bounded by Prairie Avenue and 186th Street. Seventeen acres recently were donated to the city by CBS and another 10 acres have been leased to the city by Southern California Edison Co.

A seven-acre strip of land between the CBS and Edison properties would have joined the parcels into one 34-acre lot. Mayor Isen, Johnson, and Uerkwitz favored a plan whereby the city would purchase the connecting seven acres and settle for the 34-acre park, financing the venture with local funds alone.

Councilman Beasley termed the plan "an easy way to let the people down." Beasley said that the city

Youth Gives 'Not Guilty' Dope Plea

A plea of not guilty was entered Monday in Superior Court by Mark Melvin Anderson, 20, of 3341 Cricklewood St., arrested May 31 on possession of narcotics charges.

Anderson was free on bail from the May 31 arrest when he was arrested July 8 on another narcotics charge. The youth is now in jail pending trial Aug. 6 in Superior Court.

When Anderson was arrested May 31, police said they found a metal box in his car containing equipment for preparing and administering narcotics, a quantity of what appeared to be heroin, and 60 grams of a drug resembling methedrene.

Torrance Marine Wounded . . .

Marine Pfc. Fritz Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schneider of 636 Calle Miramar, has been reported wounded in action during combat operations in Quang Tri, Vietnam. Private Schneider, in a long-distance call to his parents, said he sustained shrapnel wounds in his left hand, arm, and leg when he was hit July 17. The 20-year-old Marine, a graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School, has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuko, Japan, and is expected to remain there four to six weeks.

Zoning Hearing Delayed . . .

A public hearing on a proposal to rezone a large parcel of land at the western edge of the city was delayed last night by the City Council. Councilmen set Aug. 13 for the hearing. At issue is a request by Sunnyglen Construction Co. to zone land bounded by Del Amo Boulevard, the western city boundary, 190th Street, and Ronald Avenue for single-family homes. A small restricted commercial district and a section to be earmarked for a park also are included in the parcel. A tentative tract map calls for 267 single-family homes in the area.

Auto Tools Stolen . . .

Burglars broke into a Torrance auto repair firm sometime late Monday or early Tuesday and carted off more than \$4,500 worth of tools. Police said the burglars pried open the office door at Bill and Walt's Auto Repair, 3403 Torrance Blvd., and ransacked the firm. Owners of the firm said various tools worth \$4,520 were taken.

Postal Service Slashed

Two major changes in local postal service will become effective here Saturday. Postmaster Carl L. Backlund announced today.

Beginning Saturday, all regular Saturday and Sunday window services will be discontinued and collection schedules for street deposit boxes will be reduced to the less-frequent Sunday schedules.

Backlund said the cutbacks were ordered by Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson to bring the Post Office Department into compliance with a Congressional order to reduce federal employment to the June 30, 1966, level.

GENERAL delivery windows will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturdays for firms and patrons who normally call for their mail at the Post Office. Residential customers who receive notices that parcels are being held also may call between 8 and 10 a.m.

All other services — including the sale of stamps, posting of parcels, and purchase of money orders — will be eliminated on Saturdays.

Reacting to the announced cutbacks of postal services, a Senate committee Tuesday approved a bill which would exempt the Post Office Department from the provisions of the federal employment cutback.

WATSON, in announcing the cutback in postal services some 10 days ago, also (See MAIL, Page A-2)



JOE WILCOX JR.
 Leaving for Thailand

GARY KUENZLI
 Takes YMCA Post

Wilcox to Take Post in Bangkok

Gary Kuenzli, executive director of the Pacific Palisades YMCA for the past four years, has been named to take over the post at the Torrance Family YMCA, effective Oct. 1.

Kuenzli will succeed Joe Wilcox Jr., who is leaving the Torrance "Y" after 12 years as executive director to become fraternal secretary of the YMCA in Thailand.

Wilcox, his wife Mary Lou, and their children will leave next month for the post in Bangkok, where they will live for the next six years.

THE WILCOX family will be honored Sunday afternoon and evening at a farewell reception to be held at the Torrance YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

An open house for friends and members of the community is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. From 7 to 9:30 p.m., friends and associates

from the YMCA will pay tribute to Wilcox and his family.

Kuenzli has been active in YMCA work for the past 12 years. He worked as program director at the North San Fernando Valley and the North Orange County YMCAs until he joined the staff at the Pacific Palisades "Y" in 1964.

His wife, Wanda, has been active in teenage programs at the Torrance YMCA, but she will retire this fall.

THE NEW executive director was named "Young Man of the Year" by the Pacific Palisades-Malibu Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is a native of Fullerton and attended Fullerton Junior College and received his bachelor's and master's degrees at California State College at Long Beach. He is a member of the Marine Corps Air Reserve and taught at Fullerton Union High School.

Kuenzli has been active in the Rotary Club, the Pacific Palisades Coordinating Council, Ministerial Union, Civic League, Forum Committee, and the United Community Methodist Church. He is president of the Coordinating Council.

His hobbies include photography. (See YMCA, Page A-2)

Honda Lot Attendants Nab Youth

Police arrested a 19-year-old Torrance youth Monday afternoon on charges of grand auto theft and being drunk in public.

Taken into custody was Jan S. Fredericksen, 4142 W. 177th St., who allegedly attempted to remove two motorcycles from the Honda-Torrance lot, 18411 Hawthorne Blvd. Fredericksen was in the process of taking a third cycle, lot attendants told police, when they subdued him and called the authorities.

Police said Fredericksen was under the influence of an intoxicant and made irrational statements.

Council Goes Mod For Night

The Torrance City Council went mod last night.

Councilmen, in brief ceremonies prior to their regular session proved they, too, can keep up with the times — or Tymes.

Object of all the attention was the Symbols of Tyme, a group of nine Torrance High students who recently won top national honors in a Jaycees Battle of the Bands.

Mayor Albert Isen presented the group with a resolution of the council — its first to contain such words as "groovy," "boss," "out of sight," and "soul sound" — following a 30-minute concert of hard-rock music.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer got credit for penning the resolution—but he passed some of it along to Lloyd De Llamas, senior administrative assistant to the city manager.

The Symbols also were honored by Supervisor Burton W. Chace following the concert.

Two-Man Craft

Mini-Sub Scans Bottom of Sea

By TIM O'DONNELL
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In the heart of the new city of Carson there survives some of the adventurous spirit that inspired Capt. Nemo in Jules Verne's undersea novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." However, 20th Century pilots have more lucrative goals in mind.

Case in point: Doug Privett's "Nekton," a two-man submarine designed and built at C and D Tool, located on 219th St. in Carson, is currently engaged in underwater inspection of pipes, cables and electrical wiring for industrial firms at depths too deep for divers.

Privett joined forces with General Oceanographics, an Irvine-based firm, to form Nekton, Inc., a company that hires out the services of Privett and his vehicle.

"Nekton is the name of an animal that swims freely," reported Privett, "and that's the way I like to go down there; with no cables, no lines, no ties—I just go."

THE SUBMARINE has

ample safety features, however, such as a propeller-rudder set-up that can be dropped in case it gets tangled in seaweed; also a communications set that is equivalent to a citizens' band two-way radio.

Aside from inspecting underwater construction sites such as the one next in line at Michigan's Makinaw Straits, the Nekton also aids geologists in finding undersea minerals such as oil by inspecting and taking samples from exposed layers of sediment on the sea's bottom.

Privett said he has not studied submarines on an academic level, but rather learned to build them by building them. The only "professional" help or opinions he used consisted in the testing by the military at Port Hueneme. The tests were favorable; in fact, the maximum capacities of the submarine, as proven in the tests, were higher than Privett would need.

AS FOR specifications, the Nekton is just over 15 feet (See MINI-SUB, Page A-3)

Father Accused Of Beating Child

A 30-year-old father of three was arrested Monday on charges of child molesting after his wife reported that he severely beat their 2-year-old daughter.

Edward J. Roberts IV was taken into custody at his home, 3320 W. 186th St., following police investigation on the charges.

Roberts' wife Pat told police the family was eating dinner about 5 p.m. Sunday when Roberts became angry because 2-year-old Carolyn Roberts would not eat.

MRS. ROBERTS said her husband began forcing food into the child's mouth, causing her to gag, and then tried to cover her mouth to prevent her screaming. When this failed, Roberts began hitting the child with

closed fists, Mrs. Roberts told police.

"This kid is going to grow up to kill me," Roberts allegedly said. "I'll kill her first."

Mrs. Roberts told police she put the girl to bed for a nap and later took the child to the home of a friend when she saw how badly she was hurt.

POLICE arriving at the friend's home about 8:30 p.m. said Carolyn's face was a dark pink color. Her upper lip was swollen, her left eye was bloodshot, and her forearm was bruised.

Police also said Carolyn's brother Joey had a perfect outline of a hand on his face, several hours after the alleged beating.

Color photos were taken as evidence.



RODEO THRILLS . . . Bronc riding is one of the events which will highlight the annual Torrance Mounted Police-RCA Rodeo to be staged at the Del Amo Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. The annual event is scheduled for 2 p.m. each day. Mike Isley is shown here coming off Misty Mix the hard way. Action took place at the Cheyenne, Wyo., rodeo earlier this year.